

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2008. The Office Action provides a three month period for the filing of a response. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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